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LAKE CHARLES DRUG TRAFFICKER SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON

5-Year Conspiracy Peddled Crack Cocaine in Lake Charles, La

Lake Charles, Louisiana . . . United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced that LEROY STEVENSON, age 26, from Lake Charles, Louisiana was sentenced yesterday to 121 months (10 years 1 month) federal imprisonment to be followed by 5 years supervised release by United States District Judge Patricia Minaldi for conspiracy to distribute controlled substances.

STEVENSON pled guilty in November 2006 to conspiring with others between January 2001 and May 2006 to distribute more than 150 grams of crack cocaine in Lake Charles, Louisiana and elsewhere.

STEVENSON was indicted in March 2006 following an investigation into a major drug distribution and trafficking conspiracy in and around the Goosport area of Lake Charles. The investigation, known as “Operation Broken Bridge”, was initiated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Lake Charles Resident Agency, at the request of the Lake Charles Police Department. The four-year investigation is a result of the

Lake Charles Police Department's concern over the growing narcotics activity in Lake Charles.

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. United States Sentencing Guidelines established by the United States Congress and the United States Sentencing Commission may only be used as guidelines by the judge. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

The case was investigated by the Calcasieu Parish Gang Task Force which is comprised of agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office, and the Lake Charles Police Department.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Todd Clemons.

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EXHIBIT A

NAME	AGE AND HOMETOWN	CHARGE	STATUS
KEVIN DEWAYNE EDWARDS	Age 29 Lake Charles, La	Conspiracy to distribute controlled substances; distribution of cocaine base (crack); possession with intent to distribute cocaine base (crack).	Scheduled for trial 6/5/06
ROY EDWARD COFIELD	Age 23 Lake Charles, La	Conspiracy to distribute controlled substances; distribution of cocaine base (crack).	Scheduled for trial 6/5/06
MARK ANTHONY MALBREW	Age 31 Lake Charles, La	Conspiracy to distribute controlled substances.	Scheduled for trial 6/5/06
DONNIE JERMAINE LEWIS	Age 28 Houston, Texas	Conspiracy to distribute controlled substances.	Sentenced in February 2006 to 19 years and 7 months federal imprisonment
JAMAR LACHRIS VICTORIAN	Age 22 Lake Charles, La	Conspiracy to distribute controlled substances; possession with intent to distribute cocaine base (crack).	Scheduled for trial 6/5/06
JEROMIE DION GUILLORY	Age 27 Lake Charles, La	Conspiracy to distribute controlled substances.	Pleaded guilty in April 2006, scheduled for sentencing on July 13, 2006
QUENTRAYEIOUS LATROY REYNOLDS	Age 24 Lake Charles, La	Conspiracy to distribute controlled substances.	Sentenced in February 2006 to 20 years federal imprisonment.
MARCELLUS QUENCHEZ REYNOLDS	Age 26 Lake Charles, La	Conspiracy to distribute controlled substances; distribution of cocaine base (crack).	Scheduled for trial 6/5/06
WESLEY ANTONIO BARFIELD	Age 25 Cheneyville, La	Conspiracy to distribute controlled substances.	Pleaded guilty in February 2006. Scheduled to be sentenced on June 29, 2006.
BRYAN KEITH EDWARDS a.k.a. "PELICAN"	Age 27, Lake Charles, La	conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine	Sentenced to 16 years federal imprisonment.

